

**To:** Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]  
**From:** Mohr, Mindy  
**Sent:** Thur 8/6/2015 6:49:35 PM  
**Subject:** FW: FW: mine blowout near silverton

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Rich, any chance I can get a copy of the press release from yesterday or today? All I have are newspaper articles at this point.

Thanks!

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**From:** Bahrman, Sarah  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Robinett - CDPHE, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Ron Falco - CDPHE; Mohr, Mindy  
**Subject:** RE: FW: mine blowout near silverton

Hi Jennifer –

I just left you a voice mail about this as well. First – I wanted to make sure you saw my earlier email offering support to any downstream users that may need it (for sampling, etc). We have several field teams in the area that could help.

Also, we have a 1pm status meeting with senior management here and are being asked to report out on the status of downstream water plants. If you could please share any info you have with me and Mindy Mohr who is working with me on this (copied here), we'd greatly appreciate it!

Thanks,

Sarah

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**From:** Robinett - CDPHE, Jennifer [<mailto:jennifer.robinett@state.co.us>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** Bahrman, Sarah  
**Cc:** Ron Falco - CDPHE  
**Subject:** Re: FW: mine blowout near silverton

Hi, Sarah-

Yes, we have been working on this. The downstream users have been notified. OEPR (within CDPHE) earlier notified our Grand Junction office who began notifying downstream users and local agencies as well. We are continuing to communicate with the downstream users and the local agencies.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 3:23 PM, Bahrman, Sarah <[Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov](mailto:Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jennifer –

I got notice (below) from our communications office about this and wanted to make sure you had been notified. I tried to call you on your office and cell number as well. I'll keep

trying you or others I know (since I think Ron is out) to get confirmation that you're aware.

Thanks,

Sarah

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**From:** Mylott, Richard

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:01 PM

**To:** Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura

**Cc:** McGrath, Shaun; Thomas, Deb; Card, Joan; Russo, Rebecca; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Faulk, Libby

**Subject:** mine blowout near silverton

**Importance:** High

FYI. Mark Salley, PIO at CDPHE just called about a significant mine blowout at the Gold King mine near Silverton that has or is expected to send a large volume of water/heavy metals through Cement Creek and the Animas, affecting Silverton and downstream. I have no details beyond Mark's vm, but Mark seems to think this would be our lead in terms of a response and notifying downstream water users, intakes etc.

Rich

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